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RE APPLICATION

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FOR: PROCESS FOR PREPARING WATER-SOLUBLE OR WATER-DISPERSIBLE POLYETHER-CONTAINING POLYMERS AND THE USE THEREOF AS COATING AGENTS, BINDERS AND/OR FILM-FORMING EXCIPIENTS IN PHARMACEUTICAL DOSAGE FORMS OR PACKAGING MATERIALS OR AS ADDITIVES IN COSMETIC, DERMATOLOGICAL OR HYGIENIC PREPARATIONS

EXAMINER:

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Sir:

In reply to the Office action of September 23, 2003, it is respectfully requested that the following amendment and remarks be entered and considered for further prosecution of the above-identified application:

A M E N D M E N T

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel Claims 7 and 11 to 17 as indicated in the Listing of Claims set forth in Appendix I attached to this paper. A clean copy of the claims as herewith amended is found in the attached Appendix II.